

DETAILED ACTION

Introduction

Claim 34 has been canceled.

Claims 1, 36, 55, 58, and 59 have been amended.

Claims 1-33 and 35-59 are presently pending in this application.

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appear below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Raffi Gostanian, an attorney for applicant on August 28, 2008 as following:

Regarding amended claim 58, line 2, change "machine" to ---processor---.

Regarding amended claim 59, line 2, change "method" to ---apparatus---.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding amended claim 1 and claims 2-33, 35, the prior arts do not disclose matching the data representing the at least one unique identifier with data representing at least one further identifier associated previously with the given conference call host and connecting the given conference call host directly to the given conference call which includes bypassing entry of at least one conference pass code by the given conference call host.

Regarding amended claim 36, claims 37-54, the prior arts do not disclose matching the data representing the at least one unique identifier with data representing at least one further identifier associated previously with the given conferee; and connecting the given conferee directly to the given conference call which includes bypassing entry of at least one conference pass code by the given conferee.

Regarding amended claim 55 and claims 56-57, the prior arts do not disclose matching data representing at least one further identifier with the data representing at least one of the originating telephone number and the destination telephone number; and connecting the given conference call host directly to the given conference call which includes bypassing entry of at least one conference pass code by the given conference call host.

Regarding amended claim 58, the prior arts do not disclose matching the data representing the at least one unique identifier with data representing at least one further identifier associated previously with the given conferee; and connecting the given conferee directly to the given conference call which includes bypassing entry of at least one conference pass code by the given conferee.

Regarding amended claim 59, the prior arts do not disclose means for matching the data representing the at least one unique identifier with data representing at least one further identifier previously associated with the given conferee; and means for connecting the given conferee directly to the given conference call which includes bypassing entry of at least one conference pass code by the given conferee.

Conclusion

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

(1) US Patent 7,046,779 (Hesse) discloses video conference system and methods for use at multi-station sites.

(2) US Patent 6,892,083 (Shostak) discloses voice-controlled wireless communications system and method.

(3) US 2003/0140121 (Adams) discloses access to, and delivery of, multimedia information.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHIRIN SAM whose telephone number is (571)272-3082. The examiner can normally be reached on Increased Flexitime Policy (IFP) Program.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on (571) 272 - 2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

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